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1. Location: The works are located on the south bank of the Upa River at Tula, approximately 1.5 kms. east of the Orel - Moscow railway. [redacted] 25X1
2. Description: The works were in existence long before the first World War. The buildings were mostly of brick and appeared to be old.
3. Production:
  - a. Guns with barrel lengths approximately five meters long, mounted on two-wheel caterpillar track gun-carriage with and without muzzle brakes.
  - b. Guns with very thick barrels approximately two meters long, mounted on gun-carriages with caterpillar tracks; thought to be "Hbc" (Howitzers?). [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] talk of 5, 6, and 17 cm.
  - c. Shells from approximately one meter (without cartridge) to shells with brass cartridge, such as used by German light horse artillery. Two centimeter anti-aircraft shells [redacted] 25X1
  - d. Armor plates, two to six centimeters thick.
  - e. Caterpillar tracks for armored vehicles are also believed to be produced but were not actually observed. [redacted] 25X1
4. Shipments: Guns left the works drawn by tractors. Gun-barrels and armor plates were shipped by rail and truck. Shells were shipped in closed railway cars. Shipments were irregular, precluding any observation on the quantity of production. It was believed that some of the products were taken to other works in Tula for further processing.
5. Labor: Part of the factory worked in three shifts. The number of workers was estimated at approximately 2,500.
6. Works were surrounded by a two-meter fence, with watch towers. Outside, security by factory guards; inside, by factory guards and military sentries. Strict check of passes at the entrances.

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7. Lay-out of works:

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8. [redacted] Works Nos. 537 and 538, also producing armaments, and a sugar refinery were also located at Tula. (1)

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(1) [redacted] Comment: According to previous information there are two armament plants in Tula, one on the south bank of the Upa River, east of the Moscow-Orel railway, and a second plant southeast of the first plant, on an island in the Upa River. Each plant has previously been reported as Nos. 535 and 536.

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Key to Sketch No. 2 with amplifications

1. Three-story administration building.
2. Long workshop, one or two chimneys, believed to contain heavy pneumatic hammers or stamping machines.
3. Storage of tools.
4. Workshop with two chimneys, known as Shop No. 3. From here roughly finished gun-carriages were taken to No. 5.
5. Workshop with three or four chimneys. Production of gun-carriages. From here they were coupled together (two or three, one behind the other) and drawn tractor to No. 11. A military sentry on guard checked passes of all entering and leaving the building.
6. Long building with several chimneys. Workshop with cranes inside, believed to be for finishing of gun-barrels. Military sentry on guard.
7. No information.
8. Shop No. 6. Tall three-story building with two chimneys. Workshop inside which large open fires were observed.
9. Boiler-house, two stories, one large and one small chimney. Coal and coke brought by rail were unloaded here every day, four to six cars at a time.
10. Two Martin furnaces constantly in use. Building was old and weather-beaten in appearance.
11. Area with four or six buildings with low chimneys, fenced off by barbed wire, guarded by military sentries. Completed guns left the works from here. Shells were also produced here.
12. Shop No. 11. Long building with two chimneys. Inside large, open fires were observed. Armor plates were observed leaving here.
- 13.)
- 14.) Two long workshops, old in appearance, containing various milling machines, lathes and smaller machines, and revolving lathes. Gun-locks and fine parts for gun-carriages were produced here. Military sentries guarded the buildings.
15. Broad-gauge, single-track branch line.
16. Narrow-gauge works railway. No further details.
17. Entrances.
18. Area on which there is no information.

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